(c) whether commercial production of the tea has been started by the APFC; and

(d) whether any private party has also been allowed to grow tea in Arunachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Arunachal Pradesh Forest Corporation Ltd., who was granted permission by the Tea Board on 11-1-83 for planting tea on an area of 400 ha at their Mopa Tea Estate is reported to have planted an area of approximately 146.99 ha so far.

(c) Arunachal Pradesh Forest Corporation Ltd., do not have any factory for manufacturing tea till now but they are selling green leaves to the neighbouring tea gardens like Sri Nanda Tea Estate for processing of tea.

(d) Private entrepreneurs have been allowed to grow tea in Arunachal Pradesh. So far four tea companies have submitted their proposal to the Tea Board for planting tea in a total area of 1365 ha.

Introduction of environmental friendly products in market

1070. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to bring out in the market environmental friendly products and if so, details of the products already brought out and are likely to enter the market in near future;

(b) whether Government also assessed their market potential;

(c) the likely impact of environmental friendly products on the sale of other products; and

(d) the future plans of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) The Government have decided to institute a scheme on labelling of environmental friendly products. The scheme for the Environmental Friendly Labelling of products is intended to encourage environmentally appropriate products by drawing attention of consumers to the existence of such products. Its impact on other products cannot be assessed at this stage.

The scheme will operate on a national bais and provide accredition and labelling of household and other consumer products which meet certain environmental criteria, alongwith quality requirements of the Indian Standards for that product. Sixteen product categories have been identified under the first phase of the scheme, for which criteria are to be determined.

Stuff used by National Institute of Fashion Technology, Delhi

1071. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the basic stuff used by the National Institute of Fashion Technology, Delhi in designing new fashion garments;

(b) whether khadi is also used by the institute for designing purposes;

(c) if so, the quantity of khadi used by the Institute during the last three years together with the quantity and value of purchase of khadi; and

(d) the quantity of other varieties of textiles used by the Institute during the same period.

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (d) The objective of the National Institute of